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# **SDDC's newest general officer will assume operations duties**

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A newly promoted Army reservist will soon become the acting deputy commander and director of operations for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

Brig. Gen. Maynard "Sandy" Sanders will take on the new role at the command's Operations Center at Fort Eustis, Va., when Brig. Gen. Mark Scheid deploys to Kuwait later this month.

Sanders became the command's deputy commander for mobilization in June. He was promoted Nov. 18 during a sunny afternoon ceremony on a Fort Eustis parade field.

"Sandy commands a lot of respect in SDDC, and for good reasons," SDDC commander Brig. Gen. Charles Fletcher said during the ceremony. "He's an individual of truly unique talents. The Army recognizes that, and that's why we're promoting him here today."

Sanders has been on active duty since June 2003 when he was mobilized with the 1192nd Terminal Transportation Brigade, New Orleans.

While under Sanders' command, the unit managed the movement of 186 vessel loads of military cargo through 16 U.S. ports in support of the Global War on Terrorism. These operations involved more than 24 million square feet of cargo and were part of the largest movement of U.S. military equipment since World War II.

Sanders said he is ready to take on the responsibilities of his new rank.

"The challenge remains the same," he said. "Soldiers need leaders, and we're here to continue supporting the war fighter and the president of the United States."

Sanders is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Military Academy.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army

Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge.

In civilian life, the Mobile, Ala., resident owns a financial services company.

Scheid, the current deputy commander and director of operations, is headed for a 90-day rotation as the commander of the Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Kuwait.

His duties will include managing the flow of Department of Defense surface cargo and supplies in Southwest Asia.